Wind Power Generation units in Madhya Pradesh

1336. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of wind power generation units installed in Madhya Pradesh is much less than that in other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are planning to instal more wind power generation units in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith their locations and envisaged power generation capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Madhya Pradesh with an installed capacity of 8 MW ranks fourth amongst the eight States in which a total installed capacity of 833 MW has so far been installed.

(b) Installations in Madhya Pradesh have been lower on account of limited wind resources compared to other States where higher capacities have been installed.

(c) and (d) A demonstration wind farm project of 590 KW capacity has been set up at Kheda, with financial support by Government. Preliminary estimates made by the State indicate a wind power potential of 74 MW at three locations, namely, Jamgodrani, Khera and Kukru. Commercial projects by the private sector will depend on technical feasibility and mobilisation of resources.

Smokeless 'Chulhas' for Gujarat

1337. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target to provide improved, smokeless 'Chulhas' in Gujarat during 1997-98, under the Central Sector Scheme, has been fixed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how these targets are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Panchayat and Rural Housing of the State Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Energy Development Agency has demanded allocation of a total target of about 90,000 improved chulhas for 1997-98 under the Central Sector Scheme—"National Programme on Improved Chulhas (NPIC)".

(c) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is providing technical and training support including women users' courses; financial incentives, such as central subsidy, remuneration to self employed workers, etc.; and publicity and extension for implementation of NPIC in all States and Union Territories, including Gujarat. The State Government of Gujarat will involve District Panchayats and non-governmental organisations, besides self employed workers, in achieving the targets during 1997-98.

Disclosure of Outcome of Bofors Probe

1338. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand from various quarters/ political parties that the names of those who received kickbacks in the multi-crore Bofors gun contract be made public at the earliest so as to avoid confusion created by disclosure of certain names connected therewith by the media; and